

WRC Grant Awards 2009-2011

School Districts served

Aberdeen, Anacortes, Auburn, Bellingham, Bremerton, Burlington-Edison, Cascade, Cheney, Clarkston, Clover Park, Columbia, Eastmont, Edmonds, Entiat, Federal Way, Franklin-Pierce, Goldendale, Grandview, Granite Falls, Highline, Hood Canal, Kelso, Kiona-Benton, Klickitat, Liberty, Loon Lake, Meridian, Mt. Adams, Mt. Vernon, N. Thurston, Napavine, Omak, Oroville, Seattle, Sedro-Woolley, Skamania, Spokane, Stevenson-Carson, Tacoma, Toppenish, Tukwila, Tumwater, Vancouver, Vashon, Wapato, Wenatchee, White Pass, White Salmon, Wishram, Yakima

Schools (alphabetical by school name)

Aki Kurose, Alderwood, Armin Jahr, Audubon, Beacon Hill International School, Carson, Cedar Valley, Community School, Centennial, Central, Central Avenue, Chautaugua, Christensen, Columbia, Dearborn Park, E. Omak, Emerson, Evergreen, Gatewood, Grant, Greenwood, Harrah, Harriet Thompson, Hawthorne, Hillside, Hilltop, Hood Canal, Irene Reither, Island View, Jefferson, Jennie Reed, Keene-Riverview, Kenroy, Kiona-Benton City, Kirkwood, Liberty, Liberty Jr. High & Elementary, Lincoln(Mt. Vernon), Lincoln(Toppenish), Loon Lake, Mary Purcell, Michael T. Simmons, Naval Avenue, Madison, McDermoth, McMicken Heights, Minnehaha, Monte Cristo, Mountain Way, Napavine, Oroville, Parkway, Paul Rumburg, Peshastin-Dryden, Peter G. Schmidt, Pleasant Glade, Roosevelt, Sanislo, Southern Heights, Stevenson, Sunnyland, Sunset, Terminal Park, Thorndyke, Tukwila, Tyee Park, Valley View, View Ridge, Wallace, Washington, Washington School for the Deaf, West Hills, Westview, White Pass, Wing Luke, Wishram

Early Learning sites

Center for Early Childhood Services, Cheney School District, Educational Opportunities for Children and Families, Dallsport Head Start, Pioneer Elementary, Skamania Head Start, Klickitat Head Start, Goldendale Head Start, White Salmon Head Start, Olympia Early Learning Center, Madison Family Literacy Program, South Sound Reading Foundation, Chelan Head Start, Sunset Ridge Head Start, Wenatchee Head Start, Mount Vernon Even Start, Whitney Early Learning Center, Ready by Five, Toppenish Pre-School, White Swan Head Start, Toppenish Head Start, Wapato Head Start, Federal Way Public Schools Head Start, Sound Childcare Solutions

Testimonials

"Kindergarten readiness is happening—how to talk about a book, how to connect with a book physically, how to share supplies, use scissors, identify colors and numbers. Plus we are showing parents how to introduce these things to the kids at home as well."

"The AmeriCorps member talks to the parents about the importance of reading and distributes books to parents. Without her, we would not be able to reach as many families. We probably would not reach 75 percent of the families we now reach."

"AmeriCorps members are extremely valuable. It puts another person in the room with the kids. We've discovered that the more one-on-one attention children get with adults, the more they thrive."

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Helping Children Read:

Providing Reading Tutors for Successful Futures



AmeriCorps members help children pre-school through sixth grade develop literacy and social emotional skills

Washington Reading Corps places 260 AmeriCorps members in 76 elementary schools and 24 early learning sites throughout Washington. Members are placed in high need schools and early learning centers where the average free/reduced lunch percentage is 60%.

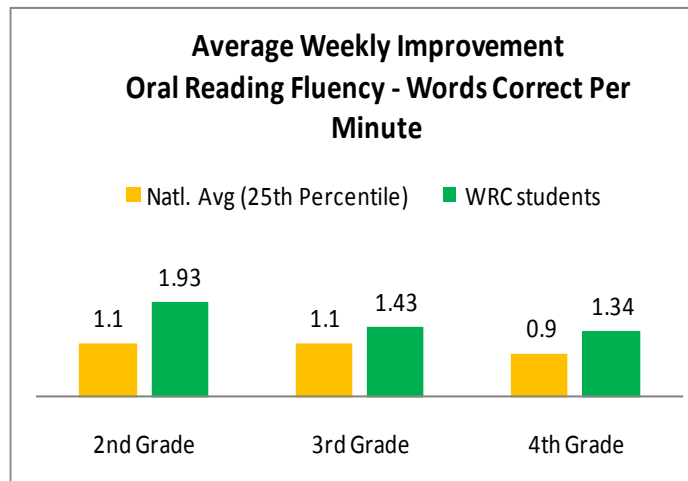
State Funds are Critical to Leverage Federal Dollars

\$1.06 million state funds leverages \$3.3 million per year in competitively awarded federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service. In order to receive the federal funds, a non-federal cash match is required. The state funds provide the cash match.



Successes of 2009-2010 Program Year

- 7,484 struggling readers were tutored by the Washington Reading Corps (members received training in research-based tutoring methods)
- Over half (54%) of students tutored met benchmark or gained a grade level in reading (students were a grade or more behind)
- 80% of students improved in their reading behaviors, attitudes and confidence as reported by teacher assessments
- Over 300 family literacy events were organized, and provided 30,000 parents and caregivers engagement opportunities
- 5,157 community volunteers donated 71,292 hours of tutoring service (valued at \$20.85/hr = \$1,486,438)
- Connections were made across grade levels by 2,177 peer and cross-age tutors, donating 16,409 hours of service



Data collected on the results of the Dynamic Indicators Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessments from WRC schools.

Impacts on Washington's Economy

- Reading Corps members spend \$3.1 million of their living allowance in Washington State per year.
- Members received a federally funded education award of \$5,350 upon completion of their service year:
 - ⇒ 77% use their award in Washington, injecting an additional \$1.07 million into our economy
 - ⇒ 65% of Reading Corps members plan to pursue a career in education
 - ⇒ 97% report gaining career development skills during their service year
 - ⇒ 99% of members plan to continue volunteering in their communities after their service year



**"Today a reader,
tomorrow a leader"**
- Margaret Fuller